

The 29th Annual Breitenbush Winter Radical Faerie Gathering.

Thursday, February 11th through Monday, February 15th, 2010
(Mundanely known as President's Day Weekend)

To those who identify as Male Faeries who love Male Faeries.
Come all ages, races, sizes and tribes!

This Is An Experiment in Loving Kindness

High, Young One! In this Tale, you are the Subject of Great Deeds and Deep Mysteries, Exultant Triumphs and Toppling Tribulation. Such a Subject are you that your magnitude mediates the duality so neatly, in one breathtaking moment you are desirous and fearsome. At least, this is how your Queen sees you. ... but that is a Subject unto herself.

This is a Creation Story. You are Creator. You are Wonka to the Chocolate Factory, Oompa-Loompas to exquisite sweets, Charley Bucket to Grande Adventure, Verruca Salt to... well, point made, you hold the feather in your hand, dip it in the dark, set it to the page and tell the story which a half-century ago could not be told. What Poetic license will you express in

Pure Imagination

How far to Freedom will your pen fly?

Once upon a time in a place so very near we will call it Within, an amazing thing continued to happen that would change everything quite completely. Our Spiritual Value and Orientation, richly realized in a kaleidoscope of configurations, is direly called into ferocious force for the fomentation of individual and collective Revolution. For, the work realized in the delicious muddy embraces of 1979 has yet to be done... and there are many Heroes past and present yet to be sung.

Healer, bring your remedy, for your kin require wellness.

Historian, bring your Library, lest our past is nearly forgotten so soon.

Bard, bring your song, for our Spring bares growing silence.

Scribe, bring means to create record, for we are part of a growing story.

Young One, Open the bar of chocolate, thrill at the Discovery of Initiation, and savor the bitter/sweetness of what is found Within.



"Of course they're real people," Mr Wonka answered. "They're Oompa-Loompas."



A Bit of What We Have Learned (so far)

**From A Radical Fairy's Seedbed, Bradley Rose ED.~*

"...The first spiritual gathering of Radical Fairies (as we Intermediaries call ourselves today) was called in 1979 to explore our spiritual value and orientation. Since then we have cultivated a wondrous Garden of Fairy Spirit...

...Religious wisdom from around the world shows us that opposites are balanced through the mediation of a third something, which is neither the thing or its opposite, but a little of both...

...The Intermediaries risked their well-being for the benefit of the village people. But it should be noted, they were innately equipped for this task, as their Vision Quest revealed to them. For their vision revealed that their loyalty was not to the particular institutions of their tribe but to the Fecund Source and Tuberous Root of humanity itself..."

Temenos (from the Greek) is a place on the fringe where the Intermediaries between the dead and the living (otherwise, the mundane world and the realms of spirit and mysterie) reserved their more fabulous ritual and deep probing into the unknown. This is where we push the boundaries of our comfort and conformity for the sake of becoming the beings into whom we are destined to metamorphose. Ultimately what we discover is a Gift to the World. Sometimes at great sacrifice to our concept of Self. Thus, some words

On Safe Space and Confidentiality (or the sanctity of Temenos): Principally, **ASK FOR WHAT YOU NEED!!!** And reciprocally, **OFFER LOVE AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW TO ASK FOR IT!!!** If you allow it, what you experience here at the gathering will mark you for eternity and bring into play catalyst for dramatic changes in you and how others perceive you. Because of the sensitive nature of these intense and personal changes, do not disclose specific events or experiences with others outside the gathering. Rather, if you must share your experience, show others how you are because of the amazing events which you hold active and unspoken within you. This honors the power of this unique and divine thing we call Faerie Space.

**On a note very personal to me~ Sometimes as we are allowed great freedom to further incarnate, we can experience a crisis-like state which is directly linked to the loosing of the bonds of our delusional, hetero-sexist and self-hate conditioning.*

This can manifest in significant spiritual trauma and can feel and look like going crazy. Otherwise it can look like we are stuck and unable to disengage from patterns that can range in experiences from obnoxious to abusive to other faeries at the Gathering. Left unchecked and unaided toward wellness, this can further the trauma and compound deeply rooted ancestral wounds.

For the purpose of Healing each other please, please nurture your brothersisters into a greater well-being. A Very Special Call is sent out to Healers of this type. We will have a meeting about this shortly following Faerie 101 at the commencement of the Gathering. If you are interested in being one of these powerful warrior/healers or recognize that Entering A Gathering without grounding the baggage of the world can be an unnecessary block, please attend.

Love & Sex: We have grown aware that our sexuality is integral and honorable to our spiritual/secular

lives. Breitenbush normally has stronger policies regarding nudity and sexuality for the typical work-a-day. It is a joy for many of the residents and staff who are brave enough to hang out on the land when we fly in partly due to our sexual freedom. Please, out of mutual respect, if you are inspired to sexy, we do not engage in such activities in the Sanctuary, Buddha's Playhouse or the healing waters. Clever Faeries will construct a Luscious Love Lounge to uphold a tradition of a sex-positive and open space for expressing ourselves in a sexual manner. And our loving pact does not include cabins, the Forrest Shelter, Pathways, Nooks and Crannies, and all sorts of exciting locales. Just be sensitive to those around you who might witness you let your hair down and unfurl your wings. Which leads our diatribe into

Other Bitsies Faeries Like

Bazaar: We call Fae Artisans to come forward and sell very faerie fare to the attendees at the Gathering. By bringing a little bit of extra green energy (mundanely known as dough, green backs, benjamins) we can be a financial support to our faerie brothersisters in this time. You may also be responsible for bringing a monetarily disadvantaged fae into the fold. A customary 15% of sales are contributed to the Faerie Fee Fund which upholds our No Properly Registered Faerie Turned Away For Lack of Funds policy.

Auction: Please bring something amahzing to donate to the Auction. This is an amazing way to swap fabulous drag, art, services, gadgets, majicks, and other curios with fellow fae. An auctioneer will come forward to put a spin on the White Elephant with style and wit. All proceeds raised are donated to the Faerie Fee Fund. Donate generously.

Talent/No-talent Show: Bring it to the stage. A spontaneous crew of MadCamp Motleys MC, Manage Stage and Make-up, Set Build and otherwise warp our minds for the sake of showcasing a nice little slice of Faeriedom. Bring your cued music, puppets, ukelele, stilts, unicycle, black pajamas or whatever you may need to look talented (or not.)

Fashion Show: Bust out something too fabulous at the sewing machine to wear at the workplace? Dyeing for an opportunity to strut that frock on the runway? Do it, girl!

Spoken Word: What a marvelous tradition to uphold at a story-themed Gathering!

Faerie Interviews: In the past, I have found this a very beautiful platform to know other beloved faerie in a delightfully succinct and insightful way.

Workshops: From yoga to mutual masturbation to walking the Hoop to making Stone Soup. One of our traditions is the sharing of our skills and wisdoms with others.

Hiking and Other Sissy Excursions: Though more common at Summer Gathering, we fae like to lead one another into strange places, play for awhile and come toddling back drunk on each other, Nature's beauty and laughter.

Drum Circles: Bring your skin and make it hum

DJed Dance in the Lodge: Funky Fae Beats further punctuated by the gyrations of bodies in various modes of dress/undress. Yesss!

Heart Circle: A focal point of the Gathering lead by a facilitator where we come together, pass a talisman and speak from the heart.

Logistics

Arrival and Departure: The Breitenbush Community welcomes our **arrival no earlier than 4pm on February 11th, Thursday afternoon** and asks that we begin our **departure by clearing our cabins before lunch at noon on Monday, February 15th**. Your registration through this form only includes accommodations for the duration of the gathering. If you would like to arrive earlier (and this is recommended for faeries assisting with set-up of the gathering, opening and closing ritual, and who wish to ground with the natural rhythms of the land) please make your reservations with Breitenbush Reception directly. Call **503.854.3320**, email office@breitenbush.com, or visit <http://www.breitenbush.com>. Please inform the receptionist that you are with the faeries and that you

would like to lodge in the same cabin through the duration of your stay. A master list will be available for them to reference so that you will not be required to move.

Ride share: We strongly encourage carpooling to the gathering for many ecological and otherwise logical and sentimental reasons. If you need assistance finding travel companions, please use the Breitenbush ride share website or contact the Fearie Flight Coordinator in your area. Information about how to access this site will be included in your confirmation letter as well as contact information for regional Faerie Flight Coordinators.

Directions: From Interstate 5 at Salem, take exit 253 and head east toward Stayton/Detroit on Hwy 22. After crossing the Detroit bridge, turn left onto Hwy 46 at the only gas station in Detroit and head north. Drive 9.1 miles and just past Cleator Bend Campground take a right onto the single lane bridge crossing the Breitenbush River. The road is gravel after the bridge and has three forks in its 1.2 mile course. Take a left at every fork and you will end up in our parking lot. You're home! **Please Note: Alternate route, Highway 224 (US Forest Service Route 46) from Estacada is often dangerous or impassable due to snow, ice, landslides, and fallen trees from early fall through late spring. Every year people get stranded on this road.**

Registration: Please fill out the attached form if you want to attend this gathering. Also include a minimum of \$75 as a deposit to the full registration fee of \$325 US. Make checks and money orders payable to Cascadia Radical Faerie Resource. *Your deposit will reserve your space at the Gathering until January 15th Full registration is due on January 16th.* Please send the registration form and your deposit or full amount of fees via postal service only to:

Queen Registrar
c/o Aaron Phoenix
307 E 19th ST Apt. #1
Bloomington, IN 47408

Accommodations: Based on what boxes you check and what needs you describe we will make every effort to be sure you stay in a lovely space that is suitable and comfortable (if not ideal.) Cabins are well heated but rustic and only some cabins have a toilet and sink in them. Other cabins are arranged near central toilets. There is also a large shower house where all may shower and splash in the bathtub. Priority will be given to elders, those with health contingencies, and accessibility needs for cabins close to or in the lodge or with sinks and bathrooms. See Breitenbush's website for cabin layout and photos as well as other information about the Gathering site. <http://www.breitenbush.com>

Nourishment: This is not Burger King but you can still pretend you can have it your way! Haha... I always wanted to say that. OK, vegetarian options and dairy, wheat, and egg-free options are available through the food provided by our lovely Breitenbush Gourmet. If you will not feel sustained by this kind of diet you may bring snacks etc. with you. A community refrigerator is available for extra perishable food and medications.

Bedding: is available through Breitenbush for \$25. You may also bring your own sheets and blankets.

Contacting your QRs:

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Scrubjay~ happyorko@hotmail.com

A downloadable version of The Call is also available at <http://www.radfae.org/breitenbush>

Breitenbush Winter 2010 Registration Form

each faerie must register on a separate form

Send check or money order made to CRFR and registration form to:

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Please update your current contact info with the help of this registration form. If a deposit is not included and financial info filled out it will be understood that you are not attending the Gathering but only updating the Data Base Records.

Name: _____
Faerie Name(s): _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____
Postal/Zip Code: _____ Country: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cascadia Radical Faerie Resource would like you to consider free membership in the consensus-based wonders of an Oregon non-profit corporation. CRFR acts as a hub of information and a legal host for Radical Faerie Gatherings at the request of the Queen Registrar.

___ *Yes, I want to be a member of Cascadia Radical Faerie Resource (CRFR). I support CRFR's purpose, which is to "support Radical Faeries and their Northwest Gatherings (traditionally at Breitenbush Hot Springs)."*

Fees, Funds and Food

___ Enclosed is my full registration (\$325) in \$US funds. Please include \$5 extra for Canadian checks.

___ Enclosed is an additional \$ _____ to help another faerie attend the gathering. The more we share, the less we need.

___ I want Breitenbush to provide my bedding and towels, and am enclosing an additional \$25 to cover this.

I am sending \$ _____ now. My balance due is \$ _____. *You must send at least \$75 now to ensure registration.* Your **entire registration fee** or your request for assistance from the Cascadia Radical Faerie Resource Faerie Fee Fund must be received **no later than January 16, 2010.**

___ I request \$ _____ in assistance (Please explain. Attach separate sheet if necessary):

___ This is my first faerie gathering.

___ I need a diet free of dairy, eggs, or wheat.

___ I volunteer to twirl till I land ass-first into the traditional CostCo cake and make amends to the lovely Faerie who sacrificed so kindly for the confection with one concocted by a non- "corporate slave." (Oompah-Loompahs are standing by)

___ I am an Oompah-Loompah who can bake the shit out of a cake.

___ I will make snow cones out of real snow and cafe syrup and donate the proceeds from my trailside stand to the Faerie Fee Fund

Cabin Preferences

- I prefer to share a cabin with _____
- I prefer to share a bed with _____
- I prefer not to share a cabin with (attach separate sheet if necessary) _____
- For medical reasons I need a cabin with a toilet.
- I need an ADA-accessible cabin or a room in the lodge.
- I have a preference for cabin numbers: (1) _____ (2) _____, or (3) _____
- I smoke.
- I prefer a cabin with non-smokers.
- I snore (or "sing" to some people).
- I don't snore anymore but the machine I use to breath at night does.
- I snore and don't realize it but get cranky when others snore and so I request a non-snoring cabin where I can reign supreme as Queen Snorkel-Puss.
- I prefer a cabin with non-snorers.
- I prefer a quiet cabin.
- I prefer a lively cabin.
- If all my preferences cannot be satisfied, the most important to me is _____
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Special Needs

My special needs are _____

We are non-spectator Participants in an Event we accomplish Together

- I will be a Faerie Flight Coordinator (rideshare, airport, overnight host contact faerie)
City: _____
- I can provide transportation. # of passengers: _____, to/from: _____
- I need transportation from/to: _____
- I can host folks in my home _____ before _____ or after the event for (# of fae) _____.
- I will bring a massage table that everyone may use.
- I will help clean up at the end of the gathering
- I will bring a drum for drumming circles.
- I will facilitate a heart circle. Which day: _____
- I will lead a workshop on: _____
- I will sell at the Faerie Bazaar and agree to donate 15% of my proceeds to the CRFR.
- I will assist with the _____ Opening Circle _____ Closing Circle.
- I will assist with the sound system at the Talent/Fashion/Auction Cabaret.
- I will _____ Auctioneer _____ MC _____ Stage manage _____ Interview _____ DJ
- I will facilitate the following chosen from the "Other Bitsies Faeries Like" list:
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I will help with whatever task the QR's need. Just name it!

Photo Directory

Please send your digital pic via email to fabulinity@gmail.com, or send a photo in with your deposit and registration form.

The Northwest Faerie Database was developed to maintain the mailing list for the winter and summer gatherings at Breitenbush and other faerie events in the Northwest. To respect the privacy of faeries, this list will never be sold or used to send any non-faerie-friendly information.

Please include my name in the database and the photo directory for the Winter 2010 Gathering.